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FROM T. T. ALLEN, ESQ.,

Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

Dated Calcutta, the 22nd May 1893.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, my report on the result of civil litigation in which Government was engaged during the year 1892-93.

2. Before dealing with the figures for the year under review, some prefatory remarks are necessary in view of certain observations made in the Government Resolution on my report for the previous year.

3. In paragraph 9 of the Resolution exception was taken to the form and brevity of the report. The report was in the same form as in all preceding years, and its brevity was expressly in accordance with the orders conveyed in the Resolution of 17th January 1888, forwarded to me by Government of Bengal No. 743J., dated 21st January 1888, which appears to have been drawn up in compliance with the orders of the Government of India.

4. In paragraph 9 of the Resolution of last year certain principles are laid down for guidance in future reports. Now, the first of these principles directing cases where Government has been successful in the lower Courts, though the contrary on appeal, to be distinguished is one which has always been present to my mind since I first submitted a report, and the distinction desiderated was marked in my report for the year 1891-92. In paragraphs 7—13 it was shown that out of 30 High Court appeals, in only one was Government unsuccessful appellant. Consequently, in all the others it had the judgment of the lower Courts in its favour: in paragraph 15, that out of 42 appeals in the District Courts in only 4 was Government unsuccessful appellant, while out of 142 original suits in the Civil Courts in only 8 was Government an unsuccessful plaintiff—paragraph 18.

5. Were it possible to hold such a result, as above indicated, proof of injudicious or hasty litigation by Government officers, the failure might as readily be explained by what, I believe, in nine cases out of ten is true, viz., that the facts as proved in Court are not the facts as stated *ex-parte* for the legal expert's advice, as by the conclusion drawn in paragraph 4 of the Resolution.

6. *Privy Council.*—The appeal case of Maharani Sarat Sundari Debi *vs.* The Secretary of State for India in Council, mentioned in paragraph 2 of last year's report, which was remanded by the Privy Council to the Court of first instance, for the determination of certain issues, was finally disposed of by the High Court. Certified copies of the finding of the Subordinate Judge, and of the High Court's judgment, were submitted to Government with my No. 1051, dated 22nd December 1892. From this judgment it will be found that the Court has partially decreed the plaintiff's claim with proportionate costs.

7. The only other case, which was pending in the Privy Council at the close of the last year, is the case of Dakhina Mohun Roy Chowdhry *vs.* Saroda Mohun Roy Chowdhry and others, minors under the Court of Wards. The papers in this case have already been sent to England, but no appearance will be made for the wards, the amount at stake not justifying the outlay for costs.

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8. During the year under review only one appeal* has been preferred to Her Majesty in Council, the question involved being a claim to all drift wood in the river Tista, which was decided against the appellant both in the High Court and the Court of first instance. The appeal has only been admitted by the High Court on the 7th of February 1893.

* Fanindradeb Raikát
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

9. *Civil litigation.*—The result of Government litigation in the civil courts of Bengal during 1892-93, as compared with those of the two preceding years, is given below :—

	Original cases.			Appeals— Before lower Courts.			Appeals— Before High Court.			Total.		
	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.
Decided in favour of Government	243	238	336	45	32	44	23	10	11	311	280	391
Decided against Government	65	76	116	7	7	12	3	13	6	75	96	134
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	57	125	108	1	3	8	1	7	4	59	135	120
Percentage in favour of Government.	78·8	75·7	74·4	86·5	82	78·5	88·4	43 5	64·7	80·5	74·4	74 5

N.B.—The figures of 1892-93 do not include those of the districts of Manbhum and Lohardaga, as the statements from those districts have not been received.

10. Leaving aside Land Acquisition cases from the above figures, the result will be as shown below:—

	Original cases.			Appeals— Before lower Courts.			Appeals— Before High Court.			Total.		
	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.
Decided in favour of Government	110	95	145	45	32	44	22	10	11	177	137	200
Decided against Government	33	37	52	7	7	12	3	10	6	43	54	72
Compromised, &c. ..	10	11	8	1	3	8	1	6	4	12	20	20
Percentage in favour of Government.	76·8	72	73·6	86·5	82	78·5	68	50	64·7	80·4	71·7	73 5

11. *High Court.*—The result of Government litigation in the High Court during 1892-93, as compared with that of the two previous years, is as follows:—

	(1) 1890-91.	(2) 1891-92.	(3) 1892-93.
1. Decided in favour of Government ...	23	10	11
2. Decided against Government ...	3	13	6
3. Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	1	7	4
4. Percentage in favour of Government	$88\frac{6}{13}$	$43\frac{1}{2}$	$64\frac{12}{17}$

12. Of the 11 appeal cases decided in favour of Government, in one only—that a miscellaneous appeal—was Government appellant, the other 10 having been decided by the lower Courts in favour of Government; none of these are of special interest or importance.

13. Of the six cases in which Government was unsuccessful in the High Court, in only one* did Government appear as appellant, and that was a case where the right to land, which Government had settled with a third party, was claimed on the ground of re-formation *in situ*. Of the rest one† was a miscellaneous case, where a party claimed exemption from liability in certain execution proceedings; three‡ were the necessary result of the Full Bench ruling as to the limitation governing demands for surplus sale-proceeds, held under section 31, Act XI of 1859, by which the previous decision of a Divisional Bench was overruled; the sixth§ has reference to the terms of settlement on which a

* The Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant No. 1, appellant,
versus
Rajendra Lall Gossain, plaintiff, and Ram Gopal Moonshi, defendant No. 2, respondents.

† Kunjo Lall *v.* The Secretary of State for India in Council.

‡ Mahomed Wasil Meah *v.* The Secretary of State for India in Council.
Omed Ali *v.* The Secretary of State.
Bama Sundari Gupta *v.* The Secretary of State.

§ Akbar Ali *v.* The Secretary of State.

resumed taluk in Kutubdia, Chittagong, was held. The talukdar denied his liability to enhancement of revenue, and what the High Court, upsetting the decisions of the two lower Courts, has laid down as law, is practically this—that on resuming such an estate Government was bound to make a permanent settlement thereof.

14. *Lower Appellate Courts.*—The following is the result of Government litigation in the lower Appellate Courts during the year 1892-93, as compared with that of the two previous years:—

	(1) 1890-91.	(2) 1891-92.	(3) 1892-93.
1. Decided in favour of Government ...	45	32	44
2. Decided against Government ...	7	7	12
3. Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	1	3	8
4. Percentage in favour of Government ...	86$\frac{8}{13}$	82	78$\frac{4}{7}$

15. Out of the 12 cases shown as decided against Government in the lower Appellate Courts, in 9 Government was appellant and in 3 respondent. Five out of nine cases in which Government was appellant were governed by one decision; so virtually there were only 8 decisions adverse to Government, which raises the percentage of favourable decisions to 84·6. Among these adverse decisions two were due to the Full Bench ruling on limitation already noticed: several arose out of settlement proceedings and claims to land as re-formations *in situ* of land previously carried away by rivers. None were of any importance or interest.

16. *Courts of First Instance.*—The result of Government litigation in the Courts of first instance during the year 1892-93, as compared with that of the two previous years, is as follows:—

	(1) 1890-91.	(2) 1891-92.	(3) 1892-93.
1. Decided in favour of Government ...	243	238	336
2. Decided against Government ...	65	76	116
3. Compromised or withdrawn ...	57	125	108
4. Percentage in favour of Government ...	78$\frac{4}{7}$	75$\frac{1}{2}$	74$\frac{1}{3}$

17. Deducting Land Acquisition cases from the above figures, the result will stand as follows:—

	(1) 1890-91.	(2) 1891-92.	(3) 1892-93.
1. Decided in favour of Government ...	110	95	145
2. Decided against Government ...	33	37	52
3. Compromised or withdrawn ...	10	11	8
4. Percentage in favour of Government ...	76$\frac{1}{12}$	72	73$\frac{7}{12}$

18. Of these 52 cases, 2 analogous cases at Patna and 5 at Chittagong were governed by single decisions; the actual number of unfavourable decisions would therefore be 47, instead of 52, and the percentage of favourable decisions will be 75·4. In only two of these cases was the Government the unsuccessful plaintiff.

19. The following is a brief account of two somewhat important cases.

24-Parganas.
The Shamnagar Jute Mills Co., Ld.,
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

20. This was a suit for recovery of Rs. 2,540 as damages for loss by fire of 200 bales of jute during transit across the river Padma, from Sara to Rita. The decision went against the Railway Administration as being unable to show that the fire originated from causes altogether beyond control, the natural presumption of negligence on the part of the serang or crew afforded the most reasonable explanation, for which, as carriers, the Administration was liable.

Monmotho Nath Mitter and another
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

21. The question in this case was the right to receive the value of land previously occupied by public roads which was taken up for the Kidderpore Docks, the zemindar claiming that the soil was his. This claim was in part dismissed, but allowed by the Subordinate Judge

in respect of two roads. The principle at issue is of some public importance, as in this country, where, since Regulation I of 1824, Government has paid for all land taken for roads, and in the face of section 9, Act XLII of 1850, there appears no justification for applying the English presumption of the soil of a road being still the property of the neighbouring landlord, yet it is on this the Subordinate Judge has acted. The question of appeal to the High Court is under consideration.

Faridpur.
Gossain Das Kundu and others
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

22. There were four cases in respect of non-delivery of goods made over for carriage to the Railway Administration. The most noticeable of these was a suit to recover with damages Rs. 1,500 in coin said to have been booked at Chandpur by Eastern Bengal State Railway steamer for Sealdah. An appeal has been filed. The other cases are of no special interest or importance, being for the most part claims for redress against the actions of Collectors and other local officers in enforcing the Sale law or other laws which their duty requires them to enforce, but in the enforcement of which individuals were often injuriously affected.

23. The result of wards' litigation in all the Courts of Bengal during the year 1892-93, as compared with that of the two preceding years, is as follows:—

	(1) 1890-91.	(2) 1891-92.	( ) 1892-93.
1. Decided in favour of Court of Wards	711	903	654
2. Decided against Court of Wards ...	97	139	73
3. Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	30	76	66
4. Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	88	86⅔	89·9

24. The decrease in the number of cases decided during the year, as compared with those of the two previous years, is owing to a smaller number of cases being instituted and decided on behalf of the Burdwan Raj estate, in the districts of Burdwan and Hooghly, as well as of cases on the part of minors in the districts of Jessore, Noakhali, and Hazaribagh.

25. The following is the result of wards' litigation in the High Court during the year 1892-93, as compared with the two preceding years:—

	(1) 1890-91.	(2) 1891-92.	(3) 1892-93.
1. Decided in favour of Court of Wards	15	11	16
2. Decided against Court of Wards ...	6	4.	4
3. Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	3	2	1
4. Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	71⅚	73⅓	80

26. Of the 16 appeal cases decided in favour of the Court of Wards, two were first appeals in which the Court of Wards was respondent and was successful in both the Courts: one of these was a suit for arrears of rent, and another for recovery of possession of land: seven were second appeals, in one of which the Court of Wards was appellant, and in six, respondent.

27. Of the four appeal cases decided against the Court of Wards, in two the Court of Wards was appellant, and in two, respondent. None call for any special notice.

28. The result of wards' litigation in the lower Appellate Courts during the year 1892-93, as compared with that of the two preceding years, is as follows:—

	(1) 1890-91.	(2) 1891-92.	(3) 1892-93.
1. Decided in favour of Courts of Wards ...	68	45	54
2. Decided against Court of Wards ...	16	18	14
3. Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	6	8	14
4. Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	81	71⅚	79⅓

29. None of the 14 appeal cases decided against the Court of Wards are of any importance; except the case of the Tikari estate *vs.* Rughunundun Persad Singh, which is now pending on second appeal in the High Court. The

point in dispute in this case is whether the items described in the *thika* pattas of the estate as *abwab* are recoverable or not.

30. The following is the result of wards' litigation, in the Courts of first instance, during the year 1892-93, as compared with that of the two preceding years :—

	(1) 1890-91.	(2) 1891-92.	(3) 1892-93.
1. Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	628	847	584
2. Decided against the Court of Wards ...	75	117	55
3. Compromised or withdrawn ...	21	66	51
4. Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	89½	89 8/10	91 5/13

31. Out of 55 cases decided against the minors, 42 were not reported to this office, being rent suits or suits for recovery of bond debts or cesses, and the remaining 13 are not of any importance or worthy of notice.

32. The amount of Government decrees recovered during the year 1892-93, as compared with that of the two preceding years, is as follows :—

	(1) 1890-91.	(2) 1891-92.	(3) 1892-93.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Amount under realization ...	61,231	64,248	42,617
2. Amount realized during the year ...	14,790	30,333	12,616
3. Percentage of recovery	24 3/10	45¼	29½

33. The figures of 1892-93 do not include those of the district of Jessore, from which no statement has been received.

34. The net balance has, however, been much reduced by the remission of Rs. 9,288. The actual amount outstanding at the close of the year is Rs. 20,713.

35. The following districts show the heaviest outstanding balances at the close of the year :—

Hooghly, Rs. 1,331.—Of this amount Rs. 8 are unrealizable, Rs. 1,015 under appeal, Rs. 79 under execution, and Rs. 229 could not be executed pending discovery of judgment-debtors' property.

Saran, Rs. 5,298.—Out of this amount Rs. 806 have been realized since the close of the year, Rs. 4,009 are under process of recovery, and for Rs. 483 the debtors' property is being traced.

Darbhanga, Rs. 1,034.—For the recovery of this amount a fresh suit will have to be instituted.

Monghyr, Rs. 965.—Rupees 2 have since been realized, Rs. 926 are unrealizable and will have to be remitted, and for Rs. 37 execution will be taken out on the discovery of debtors' property.

Patna, Rs. 800.—Rupees 55 have been recommended for remission, and the rest are fresh decrees, and no execution has yet been taken out.

Faridpur, Rs. 2,413.—Out of this amount execution has been taken out for Rs. 627 and debtors' property attached, and for the remainder, debtors' property is being searched for.

Dacca, Rs. 1,233.—No explanation has been given by the Collector.

36. The following table shows the amount of wards' decrees recovered during the year 1892-93, as compared with that of the two preceding years :—

	(1) 1890-91.	(2) 1891-92.	(3) 1892-93.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Amount under realization ...	11,92,016	10,95,704	9,83,675
2. Recovered during the year ...	1,54,504	2,30,997	1,59,600
3. Percentage of recovery ...	13	21 1/13	16¼

37. It will be seen from statement K in the appendix that no statement has been received from 15 estates,* nor any information given as to whether these estates have gone out of the hands of the Court of Wards or not. It is also impossible to collect the informations within the time fixed for the submission of my report to Government. I have, however, called on the Managers of estates to furnish the necessary explanations.

*1. Beluria estate	8. Sunkerpore estate.
2. Tarkua ,,	9. Rahamutpore ,,
3. Khettrohat ,,	10. Teppa ,,
4. Sujamutta ,,	11. Chand ,,
5. Sydabad ,,	12. Sabur ,,
6. Baranagore ,,	13. Lugma ,,
7. Joynagore ,,	14. Punjrikallan ,,

15. I. C. Roy's Trust estate.

38. The percentage of recovery during the year is lower than that of the preceding year. It is owing to absolute non-realization or meagre realizations in the following districts, viz.—

1	2	3	4	5	6
District.	Estate.	Amount under realization.	Realized.	Remitted.	Balance.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Midnapore ...	Nayagram estate ...	6,062	...	...	6,062
Khulna ...	Syudpore Trust estate ...	265	...	...	265
Chittagong ...	Muzzaffer Ahmed's estate	254	...	...	254
Manbhum ...	Jhalda estate ...	155	...	...	155
	Jheria „ ...	5	...	.	5
	Begoonkoodar estate ...	573	..	...	573
	Nagarkeari estate ...	375	...	...	375
		7,689	...	...	7,689
Midnapore ...	Basudebpur estate ...	10,390	1,815	...	8,575
Murshidabad ...	A. N. Roy's „ ...	6,500	934	184	5,382
24-Parganas ...	B. P. Roy's „ ...	28,836	5,068	6,040	17,728
Rajshahi ...	Dighapatia estate, eldest ward	68,118	7,847	7,994	52,277
	„ 3 younger wards	1,31,149	28,792	16,950	85,407
Faridpur ...	Koneswar estate ...	2,902	289	962	1,651
Backergunge ...	Dukhin Shahbazpur estate	27,883	146	4,613	23,124
Noakhali ...	Bhobonjoy Shaha's estate	6,822	975	4,284	1,563
Shahabad ...	Deo Kumar and Dharam Kumar's estate ...	50,109	1,604	1,956	46,549
Gaya ...	Tikari estate ...	2,32,365	23,922	11,815	1,96,628
Bhagalpur ...	Sukraj Roy's estate ...	42,659	1,399	...	41,260
Cuttack ...	Kujong estate ...	18,000	1,554	567	15,879
Balasore ...	Shahabundar estate ...	26,141	4,801	15,507	5,833
Hazaribagh ...	Dhunwar estate ...	1,778	133	1,179	466
	Satgaon „ ...	4,060	12	...	4,048
		6,57,712	79,291	72,051	5,06,370

39. The largest outstanding balances are due to the following estates, viz.:—

Burdwan: Burdwan Raj estate, Rs. 2,13,526.—Out of this amount Rs. 12,000 have been deposited in Court since the close of the year, about Rs. 3,000 have been recommended for remission, and Rs. 9,858 are said to be irrecoverable. Nearly Rs. 11,000 are covered by *kistbundis*, and about Rs. 3,000 are being amicably realized. Upwards of Rs. 50,000 are under process of recovery, and for the remainder, the debtors' properties are being searched for.

Rajshahi: Dighapatia estate, eldest ward, Rs. 52,277.—Of this balance Rs. 15,080 are said to be bad and irrecoverable, and will ultimately have to be remitted; but as the amount is large, the execution proceedings have been kept alive in the hope that some of the judgment-debtors may improve their condition and a portion of the balance may be recovered. The remainder, Rs. 37,197, are in process of recovery, viz., Rs. 1,232 due from one Koylash Chandra Mazumdar are being realized by instalments, Rs. 6,891 due from Golam Sultan Tarafdar are being amicably realized, and the rest under execution.

Rajshahi: Dighapatia estate, three younger wards, Rs. 85,407.—Out of this amount Rs. 24,163 are said to be bad and irrecoverable on account of the

indigent circumstances of the debtors, and will ultimately have to be written off. Of the remainder, Rs. 627 have been realized since the close of the year; Rs. 51,080 due from ex-patnidars who, under sanction of the Board of Revenue, executed assignment of the arrears due from the raiyats, but it is apprehended that some portion of this amount will be irrecoverable, and the remainder, Rs. 9,537, are on account of petty decrees and are under process of realization.

Gaya: Tikari estate, Rs. 1,96,628.—Out of this amount Rs. 18,905 have been recommended for remission, Rs. 5,404 pending disposal of appeals or reviews filed by judgment-debtors, Rs. 8,521 under settlement by order of higher authorities, Rs. 1,15,410 are under execution, and for the remainder, enquiries are being made for finding out the assets of judgment-debtors.

Shahabad: Deokumar and Dharamkumar's estate, Rs. 46,549.—Out of this amount Rs. 3,749 were realized before the estate came under the Court of Wards and should be struck out; Rs. 16,635 should also be struck out, as the properties of judgment-debtors have been purchased on behalf of the Court of Wards; Rs. 3,818 are covered by instalment bonds, Rs. 1,750 have been recommended for remission, Rs. 16,625 are said to be irrecoverable, as the judgment-debtors have no assets, and the remainder is under process of recovery.

40. The following changes took place in the office of District Government Pleaders during the year under report:—Babu Girisa Chandra Roy was appointed Government Pleader of Pabna in the place of Babu Mohima Chandra Joardar, *vide* Government Order No. 3222J of 28th July 1892, and Babu Taruk Chandra Guha at Noakhali in the place of Babu Soshi Bhusan Mitra, *vide* Government Order No. 3266J. of 30th July 1892.

41. My report on the character and qualifications of Government Pleaders, based on the opinions of Collectors and District Judges, will be submitted in a separate letter.

42. It is not possible to avoid delay in the submission of my report, inasmuch as, even were the local officers punctual in the submission of the statements on which it is based, fifteen days are quite insufficient for collation, correction, and co-ordination of some two hundred statements, often involving further reference to mufassal.

43. The office was in my charge during the whole year.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

T. T. ALLEN,

Supdt. and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

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Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.							Pending.	
		Favourable.		Unfavourable.		Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.				
	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.		No.	Value. Rs.
(2) Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free or at a fixed assessment.										
High Court ...	5	3	90	1	665	...	...		1	2,095
Zillah appeals ...	16	2	41	..	...	...	...		14	424
Original suits ...	27	22	534	...	...	1	35		4	650
Total ...	48	27	665	1	665	1	35		19	3,169
(3) Suits for lands arising out of settlement proceedings.										
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Original suits ...	2	1	76	...	...	...	...		1	500
Total ...	2	1	76	...	...	...	...		1	500
(4) Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement.										
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Zillah appeals ..	1	1	45	...	...	...	...		...	...
Original suits ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Total ...	1	1	45	...	...	...	...		...	...
(5) Suits to establish a title to vacant possession and properties claimed by or escheated to Government.										
High Court ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...		2	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Original suits ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...		1	1,090
Total ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...		3	1,090
(6) Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed b local agents or other authorities.										
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
(7) Suits for recovery of salaries, malikana, pension, fees, &c., &c.										
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Zillah appeals ...	1	1	244	...	...	...	...		...	...
Original suits ...	3	...	..	2	190	1	8		...	...
Total ...	4	1	244	2	190	1	8		...	...
(8) Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realised, or for the recovery of rents unduly levied, or for the recovery of receipts of rent, or for exoneration from unjust demands.										
High Court	6	1	74	...	...	...	...		5	...
Zillah appeals ...	21	17	99	...	...	1	310		3	49
Original suits ...	10	5	186	2	90	...	...		3	6,030
Total ..	37	23	359	2	90	1	310		11	6,079
(9) Suits for wasilat, or for the recovery of costs or surplus collections after an adjustment of account or value of property or purchase-money.										
High Court	5	1	970	3	1,938	...	...		1	2,500
Zillah appeals ...	9	4	3,555	3	365	...	...		2	603
Original suits ...	28	12	10,598	6	2,553	1	171		9	3,788
Total ...	42	17	16,123	12	4,839	1	171		12	6,891
(10) Suits to obtain possession of land, estates or other property, or for the recovery of rents or bond debts.										
High Court	35	5	14,662	2	13,660	3	373		25	1,08,881
Zillah appeals ...	61	11	5,041	7	2,296	5	481		38	16,287
Original suits ...	141	58	23,500	22	64,096	4	20,196		58	3,82,950
Total ...	237	74	43,203	31	80,052	12	21,050		121	5,08,118
(11) Suits in which Government is made a defendant *pro formâ*.										
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Original suits ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
(12) Probate cases.										
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Zillah appeals ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from official acts.

	Total.	Decisions.				Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.		Pending.	
		Favourable.		Unfavourable.					
	No.	No.	Value.	No.	Value	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
			Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
(2) Suits for reversal of revenue sales on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.									
High Court	4	...	...	...	...	...	..	4	26,292
Zillah appeals ...	7	2	740	1	78	2	281	2	905
Original suits ...	30	12	50,863	7	16,908	1	1,200	11	47,363
Total ...	41	14	51,603	8	16,986	3	1,481	17	74,560
(3) Suits for the reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.									
High Court ..	1	...	...	...	...	1	11,952	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ..	16	3	360	3	255	...	...	10	10,642
Total ...	17	3	360	3	255	1	11,952	10	10,642
(4) Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable, or on other pleas.									
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Zillah appeals ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ..		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(5) Suits to stay revenue sales in execution of decrees or sales of property pledged as security.									
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(6) Suits of third parties advancing claims to land or moveable property attached or sold by Government as belonging to others.									
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ..	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	63
Original suits ...	3	...	...	2	241	...	...	1	5
Total ...	4	...	...	2	241	...	...	2	68
(7) Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over which the Civil Court has no jurisdiction.									
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...		...	...	...	...	..	...
Total ...	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
(8) Suits to contest order reversing sales, or regarding confirmation or quashing of butwarrahs or the imposition of fines.									
High Court	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...		..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Total ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(9) Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers.									
High Court	2	1	919	...	...	...	...	1	1,000
Zillah appeals ..	3	2	1,162	...	...	...	...	1	1,500
Original suits ...	22	7	3,006	6	7,217	..	...	7	3,210
Total ..	7	10	5,087	6	7,217	...	...	9	5,710

C.

Cases in which Government is plaintiff.

	Total.		Decisions.				Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.		Pending.	
			Favourable.		Unfavourable.					
	No.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
			Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
(2) Suits to establish a title to assess or levy enhanced assessment.									
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5,925
Total ..	3	...	...	...	...	...	..	3	5,925
(3) Suits for the recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or their sureties.									
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(4) Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it.									
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(5) Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non-fulfilment of contracts.									
High Court	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12,100
Zillah appeals ...	1	1	140	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	11	11	19,175	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	13	12	19,315	...	...	...	...	1	12,100
(6) Suits for possession of land, or for recovery of debt, or for damages.									
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	8	3	1,080	1	471	...	...	4	828
Original suits ...	22	14	21,728	2	2,100	...	...	6	5,907
Total ...	30	17	22,808 ...	3	2,571	...	...	10	6,735
(7) Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws.									
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
(8) Land Acquisition cases under Act X of 1870.									
High Court ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	13,031
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	411	191	1,65,340	64	7,57,176	100	2,34,990	56	1,04,011
Total ...	414	191	1,65,340	64	7,57,176	100	2,34,090	59	1,17,042
(9) Interpleader suits under section 470, Act XIV of 1882.									
High Court ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(10) Cases under section 537 of the Civil Procedure Code.									
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zillah appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

D.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which Government is a party disposed of and pending in the year 1892-93.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.								
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.								
				In favour of Government.	Against Government.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.						In favour of Government.	Against Government.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Remanded.				
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1892.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1892 to 31st March 1893.	Total.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Total decided.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Total decided.	Pending on the 31st March 1893.	Number of cases in which Government was cast twice.	REMARKS.
									Pending on the 31st March 1893.	Number of appeals pending on the 31st March 1892.	Number of appeals instituted from the 1st April 1892 to 31st March 1893.	Total.												
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(a) 34	30	64	1	10	1	5	...	...	...	1	...	3	21	43	1	
Bankura ...	1	6	7	1	1	1	..	...	...	...	..	3	4	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Burdwan ...	7	11	18	8	1	...	1	...	3	...	2	15	3	...	5	5	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	
Birbhum ...	1	2	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hooghly ...	5	9	14	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	6	2	2	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	
Midnapore ...	(b)3	10	13	2	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	8	5	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Jessore ...	3	2	5	1	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
Khulna ...	2	2	4	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Murshidabad ...	...	4	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	2	1	2	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	
Nadia ...	1	5	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	
24-Parganas ...	263	73	336	138	5	46	5	11	1	77	...	283	53	1	2	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	
Bogra ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Dinajpur ...	(c) ...	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Pabna ...	35	...	35	...	24	...	3	...	1	...	...	28	7	1	16	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	16	...	
Rajshahi ...	2	2	4	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Rangpur ...	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Darjeeling ...	1	1	2	..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Jalpaiguri ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Backergunge ...	4	3	7	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Dacca ...	28	24	52	12	6	5	3	...	1	6	...	33	19	1	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	
Faridpur ...	6	33	39	28	4	...	2	.	...	...	...	34	5	...	4	4	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	
Mymensingh ...	6	6	12	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	8	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
Chittagong ...	18	29	47	1	15	...	18	...	...	...	1	35	12	4	20	24	4	6	5	2	...	...	1	5	23	1	5
Noakhali ...	1	2	3	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	..	
Tippera ...	21	23	44	...	40	...	2	...	...	...	...	42	2	...	30	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	30	...	
Champaran ...	1	...	1		...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Darbhanga ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Gaya ...	...	2	2	..	...	...	...		...	...	..	...	2	(d) 1	...	1	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	...	...
Muzaffarpur ...	3	13	16	..	1	10	1	...	1	...	...	13	3	...	2	2	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
Patna ...	5	16	21	7	2	1	2	1	...	...	...	13	8	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	
Saran ...	11	2	13	9	1	...	1	...	..	...	...	11	2	...	3	3	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	3	
Shahabad ...	...	7	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	16	...	16	...	16	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	16	...
Bhágalpur ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Malda ...	...	1	1	1	..	...	.	...	...	...	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...
Monghyr ...	1	2	3	.	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Purnea ...	1	...	1	.	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	..
Sonthal Parganas ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...
Puri ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Hazáribágh ...	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	..		2	.	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	...	..
Lohardaga ...	Not received.																										
Manbhum ...	Not received.																										
Singhbhum ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palámau ...	1	...	1	1	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	435	295	730	215	121	66	50	12	9	83	4	560	170	65	128	193	12	43	10	8	...	...	...	1	1	10	85	108	10	

(a) The difference of two cases is owing to Government not having appeared in them.
(b) The difference of three cases is for the reason stated above.
(c) The case shown as pending in the last year's statement was erroneously shown as such by the Government Pleader.
(d) The difference of one case is owing to its being erroneously shown as pending at Gaya instead of at the High Court.

E.

Statement shewing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Revenue Department from 1st April 1892 to 31st March 1893.

Divisions.	Districts.	Nature of receipts.				Nature of disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Government in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	110	...	...	110	60	144	29	...	...	233
	Bankura	32	...	..	32	39	132	21	...	4	196
	Birbhum	32	...	...	32	...	...	22	...	...	22
	Midnapore	148	...	...	148	408	38	104	...	99	649
	Hooghly	263	...	...	263	...	230	170	...	...	400
Presidency	24-Parganas	903	...	...	903	...	174	1,315	...	55	1,544
	Khulna	33	...	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nadia	...	...	..	...	...	...	62	...	86	148
	Jessore	Statement not received.									
	Murshidabad	1,393	...	...	1,393	554	10	611	...	78	1,553
Rajshahi	Dinajpur	18	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rajshahi	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	...	...	13
	Rangpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pabna	...	...	...	...	...	92	3,167	...	8	3,267
	Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	...	...	410	...	...	410
	Jalpaiguri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
	Faridpur	50	...	...	50	2,946	162	...	...	1,929	5,037
Dacca	Dacca	109	...	1,283	1,392	102	...	317	...	...	419
	Backergunge	3	...	...	3	...	...	147	...	485	632
	Mymensingh	717	...	...	717	67	53	38	...	...	158
Chittagong	Tippera	561	...	...	561	45	...	659	...	642	1,346
	Noakhali	302	...	...	302	...	59	651	...	...	710
	Chittagong	2,138	...	...	2,138	293	373	2,016	...	1,945	4,627
Patna	Patna	424	...	7	431	...	53	...	...	257	310
	Gaya	...	...	...	...	...	490	...	...	109	599
	Shahabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	38
	Darbhanga	50	...	...	50	131	...	163	...	...	294
	Muzaffarpur	19	...	...	19	...	...	75	...	184	259
	Saran	44	...	...	44	32	...	50	...	520	602
	Champaran	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhágalpur	Monghyr	...	...	...	...	144	...	68	...	41	253
	Bhágalpur	2,769	...	...	2,769	...	...	...	...	50	50
	Purnea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Maldah	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,099	...	...	1,099
	Sonthal Parganas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orissa	Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balasore	4	..	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Puri	400	...	...	400	...	...	...	..	12	12
Chota Nagpur.	Hazáribágh	4	...	...	4	...	15	2	...	...	17
	Lohardaga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Manbhum	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	8
	Singhbhum	673	...	..	673	...	...	673	...	...	673
	Palámau	128	...	...	128	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	11,326	...	1,290	12,616	5,121	2,026	11,927	...	6,504	25,578

F.

Statement shewing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Salt and Opium Departments from 1st April 1892 to 31st March 1893.

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G.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Revenue Department was realized and what was outstanding on 1st April 1893.

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1892.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1892 to 31st March 1893.			Total.			Realized during 1892-93.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	454	...	...	213	...	...	667	..	...	110	...	...	557	...	...	...	...	...	557	...	...
	Bankura	3,918	1,839	109	115	16	5	4,033	1,855	114	27	...	5	4,006	1,855	109	3,778	1,833	109	228	22	...
	Birbhum	...	...	13	...	1	18	...	1	31	..	1	31	...	...	...	..	...	.	...	...	...
	Midnapore	182	...	201	226	...	22	408	...	223	139	...	9	269	...	214	108	...	159	161	...	55
	Hooghly	1,523	...	5	269	11	6	1,797	11	11	250	11	2	1,547	...	9	220	...	5	1,327	...	4
Presidency	24-Parganas	1,123	...	68	427	70	23	1,548	70	91	810	70	23	738	...	68	...	...	...	738	...	68
	Khulna	1	...	(a)103	...	...	15	1	...	118	...	...	32	1	...	86	...	...	...	1	...	86
	Nadia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jessore									Statement not received.												
	Murshidabad	1,332	...	546	85	...	...	1,417	...	546	1,332	...	61	85	...	485	...	...	436	85	...	49
Rajshahi	Dinajpur	...	...	6	72	...	376	72	...	382	18	..	...	54	...	382	...	...	...	54	...	382
	Rajshahi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rangpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bogra	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pabna	...	65	890	...	2	131	...	67	1,021	...	...	...	...	67	1,021	...	25	573	...	42	448
	Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
	Jalpaiguri	425	10	6	...	2	...	425	12	6	...	...	...	425	12	6	47	12	6	378	...	...
Dacca	Dacca	488	...	1,573	400	...	104	948	...	1,677	91	...	1,301	857	...	376	...	...	...	857	...	376
	Faridpur	606	...	29	1,806	...	20	2,414	...	49	30	...	20	2,384	...	29	..	...	...	2,384	...	29
	Backergunge	287	...	...	21	...	...	308	...	...	3	...	...	305	...	...	6	...	...	299	...	...
	Mymensingh	(b)871	(b)79	9	14	41	48	885	120	57	594	91	32	291	29	25	...	...	...	291	29	25
Chittagong	Tippera	122	23	408	139	16	341	261	39	749	148	25	388	113	14	361	.	...	...	113	14	361
	Noakhali	1,021	...	...	263	...	13	1,284	...	13	289	..	13	995	...	..	561	...	...	434	...	...
	Chittagong	1,673	14	55	839	97	180	2,512	111	235	1,808	108	222	704	3	13	..	...	...	704	3	13
Patna	Patna	279	...	12	816	25	99	1,095	25	111	307	25	99	788	...	12	...	...	...	788	...	12
	Gaya	418	56	97	223	23	...	641	79	97	...	...	...	641	79	97	68	31	42	573	48	55
	Shahabad	175	...	...	...	...	...	175	...	..	...	...	...	175	...	...	...	...	...	175	...	...
	Darbhanga	1,015	...	48	...	...	21	1,015	...	69	29	...	21	986	...	48	...	...	...	986	...	48
	Muzaffarpur	(c)15	1	2	...	...	1	15	1	3	15	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Saran	1,668	305	12	3,538	202	38	5,206	507	50	44	...	...	5,162	507	50	174	247	...	4,988	260	50
	Champaran	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagalpur	Monghyr	926	...	7	...	...	39	926	...	46	...	...	...	926	...	46	...	...	7	926	...	39
	Bhagalpur	2,500	42	125	...	73	32	2,500	115	157	2,500	115	154	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
	Purnea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
	Malda	434	...	...	104	...	...	538	..	...	...	...	...	538	...	...	...	...	...	538	...	...
	Sonthal Parganas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orissa	Cuttack	13	...	...	...	...	15	13	...	15	...	...	...	13	...	15	13	...	15	...	...	...
	Balasore	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	4	...	...	4	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Puri	...	...	529	...	...	61	...	...	590	...	...	400	...	...	190	...	...	...	...	...	190
Chota Nagpur	Hazaribagh	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	3	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lohardaga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Manbhum	477	336	...	...	...	...	477	336	...	..	...	...	477	336	...	477	336	...	...	...	...
	Singhbhum	10	...	5	...	...	658	10	...	663	10	...	663	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Palamau	...	...	...	480	...	65	480	...	65	128	...	...	352	...	65	...	.	...	352	...	65
	Total	2,962	2,770	4,860	10,110	579	2,336	32,072	3,349	7,196	8,683	447	3,486	23,389	2,902	3,710	5,452	2,4.4	1,852	17,937	418	2,358

(a) The difference is owing to the amendment of a decree since the close of the last year.
(b) The discrepancy is owing to exclusion of Rs. 541 shown by mistake in the Collector's return of last year.
(c) The difference of Re. 1 is owing to calculations of fractions.

H.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Salt and Opium Departments was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1893.

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I.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which the Court of Wards is a party disposed of and pending in the year 1892-93.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.										
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.							
				In favour of Court of Wards.	Against Court of Wards.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.						In favour of Court of Wards.	Against Court of Wards.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Remanded.			
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1892.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1892 to 31st March 1893.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff. / Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff. / Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff. / Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff. / Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Total decided.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1893.	Number of appeals pending on the 31st March 1892.	Number of appeals instituted from 1st April 1892 to 31st March 1893.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Total decided.	Number of appeals pending on the 31st March 1893.	Number of cases in which Court of Wards was cast twice.
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	30	52	2	14	2	2	...	...	1	...	21	31	2
Burdwan	(a) 49	151	200	144	7	2	11	1	2	...	1	168	32	...	4	4	1	1	...	...	2	2	...
Bankura	19	64	83	40	2	2	...	1	...	2	...	47	36	6	10	16	5	...	...	1	6	10	...
Birbhum ..	(b) 4	5	9	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	(b) 1	1	2	1	1	...	...	2	...	...
Midnapore ...	(c) 4	29	33	7	5	...	7	...	2	...	...	21	12	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	2	...	...
Hooghly	26	52	78	62	3	3	5	...	...	2	...	75	3	2	4	6	...	...	1	...	1	5	1
24-Parganas ...	14	14	28	11	5	1	1	...	3	...	1	22	6	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Nadia	(d) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Jessore	4	13	17	12	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	14	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Khulna	6	4	10	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	2	7	3	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
Murshidabad ...	2	...	2	...	2	.	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinajpur ...	...	26	26	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	24	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahi	3	9	12	6	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	11	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Rangpur	No statement is received.																						
Pabna	5	...	5	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	3	3	4	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	...
Bogra	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jalpaiguri ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darjeeling ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Faridpur	(e) ...	14	14	6	2	...	..	1	...	...	...	9	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Backergunge ..	2	3	5	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh ...	Statement not received.																						
Chittagong ...	4	14	18	3	8	...	3	...	...	...	...	14	4	...	5	5	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...
Noakhali	2	14	16	6	5	...	3	...	...	...	1	15	1	1	3	4	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2
Tippera	14	56	70	30	10	...	2	8	2	...	3	55	15	3	6	9	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6	...
Patna	(f) 1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Saran	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...
Gaya	27	70	97	57	5	3	4	1	...	...	2	72	25	14	30	44	13	5	2	1	8	...	5	1	...	...	35	9	2
Shahabad	3	41	44	39	3	...	1	..	...	1	...	44	...	...	3	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1
Darbhanga ...	Nurhan statement not received.																						
Muzaffarpur ...	(g) 9	...	9	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Champaran ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monghyr	(g) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagalpur	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malda	...	7	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purnea	Statement not received.																						
Sonthal Parganas ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	2	3	5	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	8	8	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7		...
Puri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore	(c) 7	12	19	8	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh ...	18	25	43	26	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	30	13	... (h)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manbhum ...	6	2	8	1	...	1	...	3	...	1	...	6	2	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardaga ...	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	14	13	27	...	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	21	1
Singhbhum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palamau ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	231	637	868	510	74	13	42	16	15	9	11	690	178	71	134	205	38	32	9	9	8	...	5	1	1	.	103	102	9

(a) The difference of two cases is owing to the Manager of Dighaputtya estate not having accounted for them in his statement.
(b) The difference is owing to an appeal case having been inadvertently shown as pending among original cases. The mistake has now been corrected.
(c) Difference is owing to seven cases pending at Balasore having been inadvertently shown in this district. They have been shown at Balasore in this year
(d) The two cases pending at the close of the last year belonged to the Dighaputtya estate, which have not been accounted for.
(e) The two cases pending at the close of last year have not been accounted for.
(f) One of the two cases shown as pending at the close of last year belonged to the estate of minor Sukraj Rai, which has not been accounted for.
(g) Difference is owing to the Nurhan statement not having been received.
(h) Pending case of last year has not been accounted for.

J.

Statement shewing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by the Court of Wards under decrees of Court from 1st April 1892 to 31st March 1893.

Districts.	Names of Estates.	Nature of receipts.				Nature of disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan ...	Burdwan Raj estate ...	55,535	...	17,942	73 527	1,591	22,065	5,000	...	910	29,566
Midnapore	Belki estate ...	244	...	...	244	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Beluria ,, ...	Statement not received.									
	Beraberia ,, ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	6
	Pathra ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Tarkua ,, ..	Statement not received.									
	Malighati ,, ...	407	...	..	407	30		65	...	172	267
	Khettrohat ,, ...	Statement not received.									
	Basudebpore ,, ...	1,815	...	...	1,815	...	...	...	...	504	504
	Barutter Hinglee ,, ...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	.	...	..
	Nayagram ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	12
	Moheshpore ,, ...	82	...	...	82	...	...	1	...	283	284
	Sujamutta ,, ...	Statement not received.									
	Total ...	2,548	...	...	2,548	30	...	84	...	959	1,073
Murshidabad.	Cassimbazar (A. N. Roy's) estate.	934	...	...	934	...	6,109	91	...	3,201	9,401
	Sydabad estate	Statement not received.									
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	.		...	...	...
Khulna ...	Syudpore Trust estate ..	...	...	...	...	393	40	180	...	51	664
24-Parganas	Baranagore estate ...	Statement not received.									
	Bhawánipur (Barada Prasad Roy's) estate.	5,068	...	...	5,068	1,785	297	438	...	8,989	11,509
	Joynagore estate ...	Statement not received.									
	Total ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinajpur ...	Sunkerpore estate ...	Statement not received.									
	Maldwar ,, ..	1,308	...	...	1,308	...	73	...	...	...	73
	Total ...		...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rangpur	Burdhankotee estate ...	274	..	...	274	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rahamatpur ,, ...	Statement not received.									
	I. C. Roy's Trust ,, ...	Ditto.									
	Tepa ,, ...	Ditto.									
	Total ...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahi ...	Dighapatia estate (eldest ward).	7,847	...	...	7,847	1,603	3,206	1,660	...	4	6,479
	Dighapatia estate (three younger wards).	28,792	...	...	28,792	796	1,842	147	...	...	2,785
	Talanda estate ...	140	...	...	140	...	19	...	...	..	19
	Total ...	36,779	...	..	36,779	2,399	5,067	1,813	...	4	9,283
Jalpaiguri	Padmabati estate ...	...	.		...	..	...	..	...	...	.
Mymensingh.	Pogose estate ...	Released.									
	Hara Gobind Lushkor's estate.	Ditto.									
	Total ...	...		...		...	...		...	...	..
Faridpur ...	Koneswar estate ...	289	..	...	289	..	36	47	...	15	98
Backergunge.	Tarak Kumar Chakerbutty's estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bepin Behary Das' estate.	...	...	..		...	...	..	...	...	...
	Naba Durga Debya's estate.	...	...	.	.	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Dakhin Shahbázpur estate.	42	...	104	146	58	579	35	...	...	672
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	...	...	...
Chittagong	Hedait Ali Chowdhry's estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Magan Das Roy's estate	9	...	...	9	...	18	...	...	...	18
	Jogesh Chandra Roy's estate.	16	...	...	16	94	40	...	...	...	134
	Raj Kissen Banerjee's estate.	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Salamat Ally Khan's estate.	24	...	...	24	6	84	..	...	...	90
	Abdul Fateh Khan's estate.	42	.	...	42	62	...	...	...	...	62
	Latifa Khatoon's estate	223	...	...	223	12	...	...	...	...	12
	Raja Harish Chandra Roy's estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Mong Raja Kocja Phru's estate.	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
	Muzzaffar Ahmed Chowdhuri's estate.	.	...	...	...	9	103	...	...	...	122
	Ram Ratan Tewari's estate.	3,425	...	...	3,425	3	1,317	...	...	. .	1,320
	Surendra Bejoy Roy's estate.	52	...	...	52	1	446	...	...	...	571
	Total ...	3,791	...	...	3,791	321	2,508	..	...	...	2,829

Districts.	Names of Estates.	Nature of receipts.				Nature of disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Noakhali	G. K. Mozumdar and Shoshi Mukhi's estate.	3	...	...	3	...	13	116	...	27	156
	Courjon estate	26	...	468	494	...	337	180	...	73	590
	Panamesh's estate ..	Statement not received.									
	Bhobonjoy Shaha's estate.	780	...	195	975	...	28	146	...	167	341
	Total ...	809	...	663	1,472	...	378	442	...	267	1,087
Darbhanga .	Nurhan estate	Statement not received.									
Shahabad ...	Deo Kumar and Dharam Kumar's estate.	1,604	...	...	1,604	...	791	333	...	191	1,315
	Chand estate of Hurbans Narayan Sing	Statement not received.									
	Sabar estate	Ditto.									
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna ...	Bhagwant Narayan Singh's estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Kuer Bhagwat Parsad's estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hurdi estate of Krishna Parsad Narayan Singh	...	...	...	...	...	...	88	...	...	88
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gaya ...	Tikari estate	23,922	...	...	23,922	813	7,284	261	...	1,276	9,634
	Deo Raj "	10	...	...	10	208	...	...	...	56	264
	Total ...	23,932	...	...	23,932	1,021	7,284	261	...	1,332	9,898
Bhagalpur	Lugma estate ...	Statement not received.									
	Sukhraj Roy's estate ...	1,399	...	...	1,399	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	Kanika estate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	22
	Kujong "	1,554	...	...	1,554	...	2,677	...	...	286	2,963
	Total ...	1,554	...	...	1,554	...	2,677	...	...	308	2,985
Puri ...	Ward's estates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore ..	Jamkunda estate ...	29	...	...	29	...	7	..	...	10	17
	Shahabandar " ...	4,801	...	...	4,801	...	378	1,219	...	108	1,705
	Total ...	4,830	...	...	4,830	...	385	1,219	...	118	1,722
Manbhum ...	Jhalda estate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jheria "	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	5
	Begoonkoodar estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	104	1	...	...	105
	Nagarkeari " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69	...	...	69
	Total ...	.	...	...	...	...	104	75	...	...	179
Lohardaga ...	Punjrikallan estate ...	Statement not received.									
Hazaribagh	Dhunwar estate... ...	26	..	107	133	...	...	...	...	466	466
	Satgaon and other encumbered estates.	...	...	12	12	...	58	...	...	1,705	1,763
	Total ...	26	...	119	145	...	58	...	...	2,171	2,229
	Grand Total ...	1,40,772	...	18,828	1,59,600	7,598	48,451	10,106	...	18,516	84,671

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General Abstract of Statement shewing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Court of

Division.	Districts.	Names of Estates.	Outstanding on 1st April 1892.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1892 to 31st March 1893.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	Burdwan Raj estate...	(a) 1,77,556	(a) 29,899	(a) 13,834	51,067	14,803	9,590	2,20,523	44,702	23,424
	Midnapore	Belki estate...	750	...	6	...	...	16	750	...	22
		Beluria ,, ...	Statement not received.								
		Beraberia ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	7
		Pathra ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Tarkua ,, ...	Statement not received.								
		Malighati ,, ...	...	...	208	584	...	310	584	...	518
		Khettrohat ,, ...	Statement not received.								
		Basudebpore ,, ...	6,451	651	1,000	1,332	682	274	7,783	1,333	1,274
		Barutter Hingloe ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Nayagram ,, ..	5,072	617	300	...	58	15	5,072	675	315
		Moheshpur ,, ...	47	3	26	...	6	...	47	9	26
		Sujamutta ,, ...	Statement not received.								
		Total ...	12,320	1,271	1,540	1,916	746	622	14,236	2,017	2,162
Presidency.	Murshidabad	Cassimbazar (A. N. Roy's) estate.	1,726	156	44	4,167	210	197	* 5,893	366	241
		Sydabad estate ...	Statement not received.								
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Khulna	Syudpore Trust estate	...	...	196	...	...	69	...	...	265
	24-Parganas	Baranagore estate ...	Statement not received.								
		Bhawánipur (Barada Prasad Roy's) estate.	20,188	1,827	1,708	1,162	3,042	909	21,350	4,869	2,617
		Joynagore estate ...	Statement not received.								
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahi.	Dinajpur	Sunkerpore estate ...	Statement not received.								
		Maldwar ,, ...	(b) 942	(b) 486	(b) 478	173	22	72	1,115	508	550
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rangpur	Burdhankotee estate...	258	6	10	...	...	...	258	6	10
		Rahamatpur ,, ...	Statement not received.								
		I. C. Roy's Trust ,, ...	Ditto.								
		Tepa estate	Ditto.								
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rajshahi	Dighapatia estate (eldest ward).	(c) 31,313	(c) 5,148	(c) 3,181	25,436	2,533	507	56,749	7,681	3,688
		Dighapatia estate (three younger wards).	(c) 99,005	(c) 26,202	(c) 3,035	1,697	247	963	1,00,702	26,449	3,998
		Talanda estate ...	...	...	...	493	45	20	493	45	20
		Total ...	1,30,318	31,350	6,216	27,626	2,825	1,490	1,57,944	34,175	7,706
	Jalpaiguri	Pudmabati estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca.	Mymensingh	Pogose estate	Statement not received.								
		Hara Gobind Lushkor's estate.	Ditto.								
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Faridpur	Koneswar estate ...	...	...	...	1,791	805	306	1,791	805	306
	Backergunge	Tarak Kumar Chuckerbutty's estate.	Statements not received.								
		Bepin Behary Das' estate.									
		Naba Durga Debya's estate.									
		Dakhin Shahbázpur estate.	11,565	12,981	1,923	...	1,183	231	11,565	14,164	2,154
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(a) The difference is owing to Rs. 5,982 having been
(b) The discrepancy is owing to inclusion of certain decrees
(c) The discrepancy is owing to accrued interests and

Wards in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1893.

Realized during 1892-93.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
48,056	14,447	11,024	1,81,467	30,845	12,400	7,925	2,481	280	1,73,542	27,864	12,120
244	...	...	506	...	22	...	...	...	506	...	22
...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	7
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.
407	...	...	177	...	518	...	...	198	177	...	320
1,478	186	151	6,305	1,147	1,123	...	...	...	6,305	1,147	1,123
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...
...	...	...	5,072	675	315	...	...	...	5,072	675	315
47	9	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2,170	195	177	12,060	1,822	1,985	...		198	12,060	1,822	1,787
854	25	55	5,039	341	186	136	39	9	4,903	302	177
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	265	...	...	...	...	...	265
3,480	812	767	17,861	4,057	1,850	2,789	2,605	646	15,072	1,452	1,204
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
442	494	372	673	14	178	...	...	...	673	14	178
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
258	6	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6,340	501	1,006	50,409	7,180	2,682	4,637	1,628	1,729	45,772	5,552	953
27,878	445	469	72,824	26,004	3,529	10,085	6,819	46	62,739	19,185	3,483
135	...	5	358	45	15	..	...	...	358	45	15
34,353	946	1,480	1,23,591	33,229	6,226	14,722	8,447	1,775	1,08,869	24,782	4,451
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	36	236	1,774	769	70	604	323	35	1,170	446	35
...	...	146	11,565	14,164	2,008	1,816	1,293	1,504	9,749	12,871	504
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

xpunged from the statement, the debtors having executed kistbundies.
which were left out by mistake in the Collector's return of last year.
costs being added, which were left out in the Manager's return of last year,

Divisions.	Districts.	Names of Estates.	Outstanding on 1st April 1892.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1892 to 31st March 1893.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Chittagong.	Chittagong ...	Hedait Ally Chowdhury's estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Magan Das Roy's estate.	213	6	16	8	...	..	221	6	16
		Jogesh Chandra Roy's estate.	8	...	8	...	...	...	8	...	8
		Rajkissen Banerjee's estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Salamat Ally Khan's estate.	19	2	3	...	...	...	19	2	3
		Abdul Fateh Khan's estate.	155	4	2	...	...	...	155	4	2
		Latifa Khatoon's estate.	208	1	3	110	5	53	318	6	56
		Raja Harish Chandra Roy's estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
		Mong Raja Keoja Phru's estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury's estate.	...	...	...	243	3	8	243	3	8
		Ram Ratan Tewari's estate.	...	...	...	11,667	73	25	11,667	73	25
		Surendra Bejoy Rai's estate.	...	...	...	1,797	30	105	1,797	30	105
		Total ..	603	13	32	13,825	111	191	14,428	124	223
	Noakhali ...	G. K. Mozumdar and Shoshi Mukhi's estate.	22	30	30	76	7	32	98	37	62
		Courjon estate ...	...	...	26	...	4	495	...	4	521
		Panameah's estate ..	Statement not received.								
		Bhobonjoy Shaha's estate.	(d) 1,905	(d) 2,733	(d) 1,190	675	93	217	2,580	2,826	1,416
		Total ...	1,927	2,763	1,255	751	104	744	2,678	2,867	1,999
Patna.	Darbhanga ...	Nurhan estate ...	Statement not received.								
	Shahabad ...	Deo Kumar and Dharam Kumar's estate.	27,118	6,118	12,222	2,412	1,448	791	29,530	7,566	13,013
		Chand estate ...	Statement not received.								
		Sabar ,, ...	Ditto.								
		Total ...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...
	Patna ...	Bhagwant Narayan Singh's estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Kuer Bhugbat Parsad's estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Hardi estate of Krishna Parsad Narayan Sing.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...		.
	Gaya	Tikari estate	(e) 1,35,324	20,428	(e) 6,271	61,445	8,319	578	196,769	28,747	6,849
		Deo Raj ,, ...	...	...	226	...	...		...	.	226
		Total ...	1,35,324	20,428	6,497	61,445	8,319	578	196,769	28,747	7,075
Bhagalpur.	Bhágalpur ...	Lugma estate ...	Statement not received.								
		Sukraj Roy's estate ..	36,215	2,960	100	1,426	1,958	...	37,641	4,918	100
Orissa.	Cuttack ..	Kanika estate ...	...	...	...	44	...	...	44	.	..
		Kujong ,, ..	7,842	8,174	1,977	6	...	1	7,848	8,174	1,978
		Total ...	7,842	8,174	1,977	50	...	1	7,892	8,174	1,978
	Puri ...	Wards' estates ...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	..	25
	Balasore ...	Jamkunda estate ...	11	4	7	.	...	7	11	4	14
		Shahabandar ,, ...	20,222	819	1,656	2,780	322	342	23,002	1,141	1,998
		Total ...	20,233	823	1,663	2,780	322	349	23,013	1,145	2,012
Chota Nagpur.	Manbhum ..	Jhalda estate ...	118	7	30	...	...	...	118	7	30
		Jheria ,, ..	5	...	...	...	...	..	5	...	...
		Begoonkoodar estate	507	50	16	...	..		507	50	16
		Nagarkeari estate ..	37	...	3	335	...	..	372	.	3
		Total ...	667	57	49	335	...	...	1,002	57	49
	Lohardaga ...	Punjrikallan estate ...	Statement not received.								
	Hazáribágh ...	Dhunwar estate ...	729	238	705	...	...	106	729	238	811
		Satgaon and other encumbered estates.	3,595	..	453	7	1	4	3,602	1	457
		Total ...	4,324	238	1,158	7	1	110	4,331	239	1,268
		Grand Total ...	5,89,126	1,19,550	50,927	1,71,833	35,989	16,250	7,60,959	1,55,539	67,177

(d) The discrepancy is owing to the figures in the Manager's return of last year being
(e) The difference is owing to transfer of Rs. 8 from "principal" to "cost." The total

Realized during 1892 93.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	...	1	213	6	15	...	...	...	213	6	15
8	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
41	1	...	114	3	2	...	...	...	114	3	2
165	5	53	153	1	3	...	...	...	153	1	3
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	243	3	8	...	...	...	243	3	8
3,347	63	15	8,320	10	10	...	...	...	8,320	10	10
52	...	...	1,745	30	105	...	...	...	1,745	30	105
3,640	71	80	10,788	53	143	...	...	...	10,788	53	143
8	..	...	95	37	62	...	...	...	95	37	62
...	4	490	...	...	31	...	...	...	...	...	31
787	99	89	1,793	2,727	1,397	1,461	2,211	612	332	516	715
790	103	579	1,888	2,764	1,420	1,461	2,211	612	427	553	808
1,390	104	110	23,140	7,462	12,903	1,843	...	113	26,297	7,462	12,790
..	..	..	..		...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22,013	1,812	97	1,74,756	26,935	6,752	10,356	1,459	...	1,64,400	25,476	6,752
...	...	10	...	...	216		...	...	...	...	216
22,013	1,812	107	1,74,756	26,935	6,968	10,356	1,459	...	1,64,400	25,476	6,968
1,394	5	...	36,247	4,913	100	...	...	...	36,247	4,913	100
...	..	...	44	..	...	...	...	...	44	...	
1,183	146	225	6,665	8,028	1,753	56	502	9	6,609	7,526	1,744
1,183	146	225	6,709	8,028	1,753	56	502	9	6,653	7,526	1,744
...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	25	...	...	...
11	4	14		...	.				.		...
4,390	157	254	18,612	984	1,744	13,233	637	1,637	5,379	347	107
4,401	161	268	18,612	984	1,744	13,233	637	1,637	5,379	347	107
...	...	...	118	7	30	...	...	...	118	7	30
...	..	..	5	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...
..	...	...	507	50	16	...	...	...	507	50	16
...	...	...	372	...	3	...	...	...	372	...	3
...	...	...	1,002	57	49	...	...	...	1,002	57	49
74	12	47	655	226	764	421	226	532	234	...	232
7	1	4	3,595	...	453	...	...	...	3,595	...	453
81	13	51	4,250	226	1,217	421	226	532	3,829	...	685
1,24,537	19,376	15,687	6,36,422	1,36,163	51,490	55,362	20 223	7,375	5,81,060	1,15,940	44,115

wrongly put under different heads The total, however, agrees.
outstanding balance, however, agrees.

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General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in Pauper Suits was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1893.

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1892.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1892 to 31st March 1893.			Total.			Realized during 1892-93.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.			Expended during the year.
		Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	322	...	..	11	...	..	333	...	.	11	...	..	322	...	...	...	...	...	322	...	..	24
	Bankura	570	...	29	274	...	29	1,144	...	58	474	...	16	670	...	48	48	..	5	622	...	43	29
	Birbhum	.	...	.	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	.	...	...	.	...	...	...	21
	Midnapore	13 351	...	345	1,980	5	205	15,331	5	550	930	5	65	14,401	...	485	6,241	..	120	8,160	...	365	131
	Hooghly	6,024	...	197	3,162	4	31	9,186	4	138	1,232	4	24	7,954	...	114	4,057	...	30	3,897	...	84	63
Presidency	24-Parganas	4,273	...	161	4,583	...	68	8,855	...	229	1,226	...	38	7,629	...	191	348	...	...	7,281	...	191	84
	Khulna	1,727	...	34	...	...	48	1,727	..	82	65	...	5	1,662	...	77	195	...	...	1,467	...	77	20
	Nadia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
	Jessore										Statement not received.												
	Murshidabad	1,586	...	...	1,226	...	25	2,812	...	25	368	...	25	2,444	...	...	471	...	...	1,973	...	...	41
Rajshahi	Dinajpur	76	...	...	2,330	...	...	2,406	...	...	2,285	...	...	121	...	...	...	...	...	121	.	...	...
	Rajshahi	1,994	...	...	...	...	...	1,994	...	...	...	...	...	1,994	...	...	...	...	...	1,994	...	...	...
	Rangpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	..	...	...	...	...	...
	Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pabna	...	...	...	...	...	191	...	...	191	...	...	23	...	...	168	...	...	...	...	...	168	...
	Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
	Jalpaiguri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	Dacca	9,359	...	293	1,603	...	88	10,962	...	381	1,008	..	41	9,954	...	340	...	...	...	9,954	...	340	47
	Faridpur	687	...	...	144	...	6	831	...	6	150	...	6	681	...	...	...	. .	...	681	...	...	11
	Backergunge	1,584	..	13	45	...	28	1,629	...	41	19	...	...	1,610	...	41	37	...	...	1,573	...	41	26
	Mymensingh	634	...	17	84	...	1	768	...	18	33	...	...	735	...	18	112	...	6	623	...	12	...
Chittagong	Tippera	227	...	...	...	...	...	227	...	...	. .	...	...	227	.	...	227	...	...	.	...	.	...
	Noakhali	365	...	...	...	10	16	365	10	16	10	...	...	355	10	16	260	...	...	95	10	16	16
	Chittagong	56	...	2	717	5	3	773	5	5	717	5	3	56	. .	2	...	...	...	56	...	2	63
Patna	Patna	2,511	...	...	842	...	...	3,353	...	...	...	...	..	3,353	...	...	...	...	...	3,353	...	...	5
	Gaya	3,941	...	56	532	...	22	4,473	...	78	200	. .	21	4,273	...	57	3,741	...	57	532	...	...	6
	Shahabad	1,154	...	...	165	...	...	1,319	...	...	16	...	...	1,303	...	..	...	...	...	1,303	...	...	...
	Darbhanga	1,230	...	50	...	...	4	1,230	...	54	17	...	4	1,222	...	50	1,200	...	50	22	...	..	...
	Muzaffarpur	112	...	32	1,027	66	47	1,139	66	80	158	...	10	981	66	70	59	...	11	922	66	59	1
	Saran	...	...	29	...	...	6	..	...	35	...	...	24	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	11	7
	Champaran	56	...	...	...	...	...	56	...	...	...	...	...	56	...	...	56	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Monghyr	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Purnea	...	...	...	...	...	28	..	...	28	...	...	28	..	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Malda	158	...	...	187	...	13	345	...	13	151	...	13	194	...	...	194	...	. .	...	...	...	41
	Sonthal Parganas.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orissa	Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	...	...	...	...
	Puri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balasore	...	...	719	...	...	...	...	...	719	...	...	...	...	...	719	...	...	...	...	...	719	5
Chota Nagpur.	Hazaribagh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lohardaga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	. .	...	...	...
	Manbhum	2,690	..	32	472	...	86	3,162	...	118	349	...	118	2,813	...	...	1,973	...	...	840	...	...	...
	Singhbhum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...
	Palámau	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...		..	...	..	.	...	..	...	...	...	. .
	Total	55,045	...	1,919	19,384	90	946	74,429	90	2,865	9,419	14	456	65,010	76	2,407	19,219	.	279	45,791	76	2,128	676

E. J. H. and others—Reg. No. 769J—222—27-5-93.

No. 135J.D.

RESOLUTION.

JUDICIAL.

Darjeeling, the 12th June 1893.

READ—

The Report on the Legal Affairs of the Government of Bengal for the year 1892-93.

Read also—

The Reports of the two previous years, and the orders of Government thereon.

THE report was due on 1st May, and was received on 30th May. The Legal Remembrancer remarks that, having regard to the unpunctuality of some districts and the references which are inevitable in the case of others, it is not possible for him to compile the statistics the report contains within 15 days from the date on which the district reports are due in his office. As it is, the figures of Government litigation from Manbhum and Lohardaga and from 15 Courts of Wards' Estates have not yet been received. This question will receive the separate consideration of Government.

2. Of the two appeals to the Privy Council which were pending at the close of last year, the case of Maharani Sarat Sundari Debi *versus* The Secretary of State for India in Council was disposed of by the determination of certain remanded issues by the High Court. The remaining case of Dakhina Mohan Roy Chowdhry *versus* Saroda Mohan Roy Chowdhry and others, minors under the Court of Wards, is still pending, but no appearance will be made for the wards, the amount at stake not justifying the outlay for costs. One fresh appeal on behalf of Government was filed towards the close of the year.

3. The results of Government litigation in the Civil Courts of Bengal during the year under review and the two preceding years are given in the accompanying table:—

	Original cases.			Appeals— Before lower Courts.			Appeals— Before High Court.			Total.		
	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.
Decided in favour of Government	243	238	336	45	32	44	23	10	11	311	280	391
Decided against Government	65	76	116	7	7	12	3	13	6	75	96	134
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn.	57	125	108	1	3	8	1	7	4	59	135	120
Percentage in favour of Government.	78·8	75·7	74·4	86·5	82	78·5	88·4	43·5	64·7	80·5	74·4	74·5

N.B.—The figures of 1892-93 do not include those of the districts of Manbhum and Lohardaga, as the statements from those districts have not been received.

Excluding land acquisition cases the figures are as under—

	Original cases.			Appeals— Before lower Courts.			Appeals— Before High Court.			Total.		
	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.
Decided in favour of Government	110	95	145	45	32	44	22	10	11	177	137	200
Decided against Government	33	37	53	7	7	12	3	10	6	43	54	72
Compromised, &c. ...	10	11	8	1	3	8	1	6	4	12	20	20
Percentage in favour of Government.	76·8	72	73·6	86·5	82	78·5	88	50	64·7	80·4	71·7	73·5

There is a considerable increase in the number of original cases of which no explanation is given, and it is clear that, except in the case of appeals to the High Court, the Government has been little more successful in its litigation than it was in the preceding year.

4. Of the six cases in which Government was unsuccessful in the High Court, in only one did it appear as appellant; in three of them the result was due to a Full Bench ruling setting aside the previous decision of a Divisional Bench as to the period of limitation in demands for unclaimed sale proceeds.

One case related to the terms of settlement on which a resumed taluk in Kutubdia in Chittagong was sold. The facts of this case are summarised with such brevity that the Lieutenant-Governor is in doubt as to their meaning, but it seems that a principle of great importance was laid down with regard to the right of a talukdar to a permanent settlement, and His Honour would be glad to receive a special report in this case through the Board of Revenue with as little delay as possible.

5. By showing as one case analogous cases governed by a single decision and excluding land acquisition cases, the Legal Remembrancer shows that the percentage of Government successes in the Lower Appellate Courts and in Courts of first instance becomes 84·6 and 75·4 respectively. It is presumed that none of the cases in which Government was successful were analogous ones, as otherwise this mode of calculation is not legitimate. Apart from cases against the Railway administrations, the most important suit brought in the Court of first instance relates to a claim brought by a zamindar to receive compensation for the value of land previously occupied by public roads which were included in a large area acquired by Government for public purposes. The claim which was partially admitted by the Subordinate Judge appears, as the Legal Remembrancer observes, to be a novel one in this country, and the Lieutenant-Governor presumes that there must have been exceptional circumstances unexplained in the report which led to such an unusual decree being passed. It is satistactory to note that in only two original cases did Government appear as an unsuccessful plaintiff.

6. The following figures show the results of Courts of Wards' litigation during the last three years in all courts. The figures are satisfactory in themselves and as compared with previous years:—

	(1) 1890-91.	(2) 1891-92.	(3) 1892-93.
1. Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	711	903	654
2. Decided against Court of Wards ...	97	139	73
3. Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	30	76	66
4. Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	88	86⅝	89·9

7. The extent to which decretal amounts due to Government have been realised is shown by the following figures:—

	(1) 1890-91.	(2) 1891-92.	(3) 1892-93.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Amount under realization ...	61,231	64,248	42,617
2. Amount realized during the year ...	14,790	30,333	12,616
3. Percentage of recovery ...	24 3/20	45¼	29½

Of the net balance Rs. 9,288 have been remitted, and further sums are said to be irrecoverable.

8. The amount of wards' decrees recovered is as follows:—

	(1) 1890-91.	(2) 1891-92.	(3) 1892-93.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Amount under realization ...	11,92,016	10,95,704	9,83,675
2. Recovered during the year ...	1,54,504	2,30,997	1,59,600
3. Percentage of recovery ...	13	21 1/13	16¼

The outstanding balance still remains excessive, and it would appear that the efforts to realise it are not marked by much success. In the Tikari estate Rs. 1,15,410 are said to be under execution, and yet only Rs. 23,922 were collected during the year, and the proceedings would appear to be hopeless. The balance due to the Burdwan Raj estate has not been materially reduced. The subject of these realisations has year after year formed the subject of unfavourable comment, but there is nothing in Mr. Allen's report which affords any excuse for the bad results or throws light on the difficulties which have been before brought to notice. The Lieutenant-Governor does not know whether commission is now granted to the Nazir or others concerned in realising these outstanding decrees, and commends this question to the consideration of the Board of Revenue.

9. The Lieutenant-Governor is glad to receive the favourable report which is given of the character and qualifications of the Government Pleaders in almost every district of these provinces, and acknowledges the generally satisfactory manner in which Government litigation has been conducted.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs and the Solicitor to Government for information.

Ordered also, that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Revenue Department of this Government and to the Board of Revenue for information.

Ordered also, that a copy of the Report and Resolution be submitted to the Government of India in the Home Department for information.

Ordered also, that a copy of the Resolution be published in the *Calcutta Gazette.*

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. J. S. COTTON,

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. 2830J.

COPY of the Resolution forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs and the Solicitor to Government for information.

No. 2831J.

COPY of the Resolution forwarded to the Revenue Department of this Government and to the Board of Revenue for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

E. V. LEVINGE,

Offg. Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 12th June 1893.

E J. H.—Reg. No. 1585C—403—15-6-93